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SUBJECT: SIMON VISIT: PRESS RELEASE

1. AHAM, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SECRETARY SIMON WOULD ARRIVE EGYPT IN FEBRUARY, HAS FRONT-PAGE ITEM FEBRUARY 5 STATING HIS VISIT WILL OCCUR MARCH 6 AND 7. AHAM SAYS SECRETARY WILL HAVE TALKS ON NEW BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROJECTS. "MAJOR PART" OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WILL DEAL WITH TOPICS WHICH WILL BE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRESIDENT FORD "WHEN LATTER MAKES HIS EXPECTED VISIT TO EGYPT IN APRIL."

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE, BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER UTILITY OF ISSUING PRESS RELEASE ASAP ANNOUNCING SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT AND DETAILING PURPOSE FOR WHICH SECRETARY IS MAKINGTRIP.

3. COMMENT: AHAM ARTICLE IS INDICATION OF THE ANTICIPATION WHICH IS BUILDING HERE RE VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH KNOWLEDGEABLE EGYPTIANS, FOR WHATEVER REASON, BELIEVE IS DEFINITELY IN THE OFFING. EILTS

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